

**MINUTES  
UNION CITY BOROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

**VISION STATEMENT:** “The Union City area is a thriving rural community of families, businesses and organizations dedicated to encouraging growth while maintaining small town values.”

The meeting of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at Union City Borough Building, 13 South Main Street, Union City.

**COUNCILORS PRESENT** were Brumagin, Hoban, Steadman, Kolaja, McGuire, and Cross.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT** were Mayor Natalie Wilmoth, Borough Secretary Cindy Wells, Police Chief David Pernice.

**VISITORS PRESENT:** See the sign-in sheet.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Kolaja  
that the agenda stands approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION ON MINUTES:** It was moved by Councilor McGuire and seconded by Councilor Cross  
that all Councilors having read the minutes from the meeting held September 11, 2018 and the Public Hearing for Country Fair on September 11, 2018 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS:** Public Comment was made by Jessey Bloss 11 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dan & Idessa Williams 15222 Union LeBoeuf Road, Dean Brumagin 16200 Old Wattsburg Road, and Steve Jones 15870 Route 8, Jeff Ferringer 18380 Hungry Run Road, concerning the transfer of a liquor license to Country Fair. They were in support of the transfer. Some comments were that the distributor doesn't take credit cards, closes early, prices at Kim's Townhouse are more expensive, it's a convenience factor, some women don't want to walk into a bar alone, some already just go to Waterford. RJ's used to be an option, but it has closed. They don't understand the rationale. Country Fair is being progressive, providing a nicer seating area, more jobs, selling in a closed area. Union City is a transit area of people traveling through. They wanted to know if Council was going to start showing prejudice to other business types. It is a free market. Country Fair takes care of their property and are making improvements. Ann Diller 67 Putnam Street said she works for Country Fair and they treat their employees very well and they won't

sell to minors. Paul Rankin from Country Fair said they have strict rules. You can only consume 40oz of alcohol in the store and you must buy a prepared food item to do so. They have 8 other locations and haven't had people coming in and drinking there. Country Fair is making it possible for people to go and not have to be in a bar. They will have a separate register and must have a driver's license to purchase. There will be security cameras in the store and in the cages also. A person can only buy up to 192 ounces.

On a different issue, Steve Jones asked who the Borough Manager was. Said he doesn't understand Council. Dan Brumagin said Cindy Wells handles the day-to-day activities and Council is the decision makers. There is a Street Supervisor Bob Phillips, Police Chief David Pernice, and Borough Secretary Cindy Wells. Council has liaisons for each department. Cheryl Capela was the last Borough Manager.

**COMPLAINT FORMS:** Council review of completed complaint forms and had no questions.

**MAYOR:** The Mayor did have any reports.

**COUNCIL TO DISCUSS APPROVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR COUNTRY FAIR:**

This was tabled from last month and there was discussion during Public Comment. It will be voted on at the October 9, 2018 meeting.

**BOROUGH SECRETARY:**

**WQLN "OUR TOWN":** Requesting Council members to attend Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Library.

**PA ROUTE 6 ALLIANCE:** We received notification that the PA Route 6 is now a national bike route known as USBR 36.

**EMC DIVIDEND CHECK:** A dividend check from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$1,656.65 was received.

**FRESH PAINT DAYS GRANT:** A total of 12 volunteers. Only a couple of things to still be done.

**BOROUGH AUCTION:** Council reviewed the list of items available for auction and determined a minimum bid on the dump truck of \$5,000.

**MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION #2018-14 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (LISTED AS EXHIBIT A WITH THE RESOLUTION) VALUED IN EXCESS OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND PLACING A MINIMUM BID OF \$5,000.00 ON THE 2000 F750 FORD DUMP TRUCK, WITH PLOSS AUCTION CONDUCTING THE SALE.** It was moved by Councilor Kolaja and

seconded by Councilor McGuire to pass a resolution #2018-14 authorizing the sale of personal property (listed as Exhibit A with the resolution) valued in excess of one thousand dollars and placing a minimum bid of \$5,000.00 on the 2000 F750 Ford dump truck, with Ploss Auction conducting the sale. Motion carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT - 92 SOUTH MAIN:** Council reviewed a quote from Andy Bengel to remove the overhang in the amount of approximately \$1700.00. This property is on the Judicial Sale list. No decision was made.

**SCHOOL CROSSING:** Review information concerning the school crossing. Chief Pernice & Cindy Wells will present the information to the School Board on October 4, 2018. Council is willing to pay for the labor and some supplies.

**GREEN LIGHT GO GRANT:** Council to approve or disapprove acceptance of grant. According to Greg Maser with PennDOT this project is being funded by PennDOT and is currently in the planning stages.

**MOTION THAT THE BOROUGH NOT ACCEPT THE GREEN-LIGHT-GO GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FOR THE REASON THAT THE PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED BY PENNDOT.** It was moved by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Kolaja that the Borough not accept the Green-Light-Go Grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the reason that the project is being funded by PennDOT. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY ASSETS GRANT & DCED GREENWAYS TRAILS & RECREATION GRANT:** The Borough received the \$50,000 Community Assets Grant from ECGRA. The Borough did not receive the DCED Greenways Trails & Recreation Grant in the amount of \$63,750.00.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD:** Jeff Ferringer presented a Letter from the Municipal Authority requesting appointment of Dean Brumagin to the Municipal Authority Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel 6:55 – 7:04.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF DEAN BRUMAGIN TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.**

It was moved by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Kolaja to accept the recommendation from the Municipal Authority Board of Dean Brumagin to the Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Brumagin abstained from voting.

**LETTER FROM UC HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** A letter received from the UC Historical Society was

read inviting council to tour of the museum and see the deteriorating condition of the building.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Councilor Steadman reported that there are several logs across French Creek

behind the old flea market on Waterford Street. Cindy will talk to Bob Phillips.

**MOTION TO HIRE JACOB KONDRLIK AS OF 10/1/18 AS FULL-TIME OFFICER WITH A RETURN TO PRIOR RANKING OF PATROLMAN PROBATIONARY, RETRO ACTIVE TO MAY 2, 2018.**

It was moved by Councilor Kolaja and seconded by Councilor Cross to hire Jacob Kondrlik as of 10/1/18 as full-time officer with return to prior ranking of Patrolman Probationary, retro-active to May 2, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO HIRE ANTHONY REKITT AS OF 10/2/18 WITH RETURN TO PRIOR RANKING OF PATROLMAN B, FULL-TIME STATUS.**

It was moved by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor Kolaja to hire of Anthony Rekitt as of 10/2/18 with return to prior ranking of Patrolman B, full-time status. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:** The Director of Finance had no reports or recommendations.

**COUNCIL TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE RENAISSANCE GRANT:**

Council reviewed the paperwork regarding 10 Second Avenue for the Renaissance Grant,

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FROM THE RENAISSANCE GRANT ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR DANIEL BRUMAGIN, 10 SECOND AVENUE, FOR THE APPROVED AND COMPLETED PROJECT.**

It was moved by Councilor Kolaja and seconded by Councilor Cross

to approve payment from the Renaissance Grant account in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Daniel Brumagin, 10 Second Avenue, for the approved and completed project. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Brumagin abstained from voting.

**COUNCIL TO RE- CERTIFY THE 2019 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AND VOID THE PREVIOUS 2019 POLICE PENSION MMO:**

The amount for the Police Pension is \$0. Payroll amounts were changed and submitted for the Police Pension.

**MOTION TO RE-CERTIFY THE 2019 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION CITY AND VOID THE PREVIOUS 2019 POLICE PENSION MMO.**

A motion was made by Councilor Kolaja and seconded by Councilor Steadman to Re-certify the 2019 Minimum Municipal obligations for the Police Pension Plan of the Borough of Union City and void the previous 2019 Police Pension MMO. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEM STATE AID:**

The Borough received \$30,573.16 in Pension State Aid. The MMO 2019 payment for the police pension is \$0, and the MMO 2019 payment for the non-uniform police pension is \$26,950.00. The full \$30,573.16 must be applied to the pensions. Council needs to determine which pension the excess of \$3,623.16 is deposited.

**MOTION TO DEPOSIT THE EXCESS GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEM STATE AID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,623.16 IN THE NON-UNIFORM PENSION.**

It was moved by Councilor Hoban and seconded by Councilor Steadman to deposit the excess General Municipal Pension System State Aid in the amount of \$3,623.16 in the non-uniform pension. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** The Director of Parks and Recreation had no reports or recommendations he may have.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** The Director of Public Works had no reports or recommendations.

**CONELWAY T-BALL AND SOFTBALL:** They have been working on the field and had clay dirt brought in to be spread. Dave Himes used the backhoe to spread it for them.

**ERIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** Low Volume Road Funding and  
Dirt and Gravel Road

Funding. Need to notify them of the intent to apply. Application  
deadline is Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Cindy is to talk to Bob  
Phillips.

**PERSONNEL AND PLANNING:** The Director of Personnel and Planning had  
no reports or  
recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Councilor Kolaja and seconded by  
Councilor  
Brumagin that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29P.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council went into Executive Session to discuss  
personnel with no action to be taken from 7:29 – 7:53.

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